

METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: April 10, 2006

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:35 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:25 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Dane Mahern, Chairman
Ron Gibson
Jackie Nytes
Mike Speedy
Steve Talley

Absent Members

Scott Keller
Lance Langsford
Angela Mansfield
Marilyn Pfisterer

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 175, 2006 - reappoints Amy S. Kotzbauer to the Metropolitan Zoning Appeals Board I
"Do Pass" Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 171, 2006 - reappoints Frank Hagaman to the Metropolitan Zoning Appeals Board III
"Do Pass" Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 172, 2006 - reappoints Kathryn D. Guthrie to the Metropolitan Zoning Appeals Board III
"Do Pass" Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 173, 2006 - reappoints Joanna Taft to the Metropolitan Zoning Appeals Board II
"Do Pass" Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 174, 2006 - reappoints Bruce Curry to the Metropolitan Zoning Appeals Board II
"Do Pass" Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 176, 2006 -reappoints Michael Rinebold to the Indianapolis Housing Agency Board
"Postpone" until May 1, 2006 Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 177, 2006 - approves an appropriation of \$900,000 in the 2006 Budget of the Department of Metropolitan Development, Community Economic Development Division (Consolidated County Fund) to award funding from the Housing Trust, a subfund of the Consolidated County Fund, for affordable housing opportunities for low-income families in Marion County, financed by fund balance

“Do Pass”

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 178, 2006 - approves an appropriation of \$792,000 in the 2006 Budget of the Department of Metropolitan Development, Community Economic Development Division (Redevelopment General Fund) to support high technology activities within the Certified Technology Park (CTP), which funds will specifically be used to make streetscape improvements along West 16th Street between Alonzo Watford Drive and Stadium Drive and for the separation of a combined sanitary and stormwater sewer between 10th and 11th Streets near Senate Avenue, financed by fund balance in the Certified Technology Park subfund of the Redevelopment General Fund

“Do Pass as Amended”

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 179, 2006 - approves an appropriation of \$518,820 in the 2006 Budget of the Department of Metropolitan Development, Community Economic Development Division (Federal Grants Fund) to reappropriate carryover funds from a prior year grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA), and for a new Neighborhood Initiatives grant also funded by HUD

“Do Pass”

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 180, 2006 - approves an appropriation of \$195,317 in the 2006 Budget of the Department of Metropolitan Development, Community Economic Development Division (Non-lapsing State Grants Fund) to administer five State of Indiana grants providing for 1) petroleum remediation at 838 North Delaware Street, 2) environmental assessment activities within the neighborhoods of Martindale/Brightwood, Fall Creek Place, and Clayton-LaSalle Park, 3) environmental remediation at the Keystone Enterprise Park, 4) environmental remediation at the former Spickelmier concrete manufacturing site, and 5) additional environmental assessments at West 16th and Dr. Martin Luther King Streets

“Do Pass”

Vote: 5-0

Presentation on NeighborWoods and Keep Indianapolis Beautiful- David Forsell

METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Metropolitan Development Committee of the City-County Council met on Monday, April 10, 2006. Chair Dane Mahern called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. with the following members present: Ron Gibson, Jackie Nytes, Mike Speedy and Steve Talley. Absent were Scott Keller, Lance Langsford, Angela Mansfield and Marilyn Pfisterer.

PROPOSAL NO. 175, 2006 - reappoints Amy S. Kotzbauer to the Metropolitan Zoning Appeals Board I

Ms. Kotzbauer said she enjoys serving on the board and having the opportunity to help others out of the situations they are in. She stated she would like to continue serving on this board.

Councillor Gibson moved, seconded by Councillor Nytes, to send Proposal No. 175, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Chair Mahern asked for consent to address each proposal as reappointments arrive. Consent was given.

PROPOSAL NO. 173, 2006 - reappoints Joanna Taft to the Metropolitan Zoning Appeals Board II

Ms. Taft said every meeting she learns something new and how to help her neighbors. She stated that she has always been involved in her neighborhood and is very interested in how the neighbors feel on different issues.

Councillor Nytes asked if adequate training is being provided to members who serve on the board. Ms. Taft replied in the affirmative and said she is not always able to attend those trainings but has had experience with zoning issues in the past.

Councillor Gibson moved, seconded by Councillor Nytes, to send Proposal No. 173, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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Margaret Lawrence-Banning, Administrator for the Community Economic Development Division, said the \$900,000 from the Housing Trust Fund is to allow the department to get these

funds back onto the streets. She said this is a special fund that was created a few years ago. She said they have their first Request for Proposal (RFP) that they will be putting out in early May for rental assistance and affordable housing. She said this is a priority of the blueprint to address homelessness.

Councillor Speedy asked what the source of the money is. Ms. Banning said it is money that the City has received in land sale proceeds. Councillor Speedy asked if there is a specific geographical area. Ms. Banning replied in the negative and said the focus is city-wide. Councillor Speedy asked how many projects would be developed with the \$900,000. Ms. Banning said it is unknown at the time; this will be their first RFP.

Councillor Gibson moved, seconded by Councillor Talley, to send Proposal No. 177, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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Ms. Banning said the Certified Technology Park is an area designated by the state that allows the state to collect increment taxes from sales and income tax up to five million dollars. She said that money is available for the city to use for infrastructure improvements in that area to track life sciences. Ms. Banning said the request for \$592,000 for the 16th Street project will be used to complete the streetscape improvements, and \$200,000 is for sewer improvements along 11th Street at the end of the canal. Ms. Banning presented a technical amendment to the proposal (Exhibit A, attached).

Councillor Nytes asked if five million is the total amount they can use from increment taxes. Ms. Banning replied in the affirmative. Councillor Nytes asked if the improvements on 16th Street will interfere with the improvements already made last year. Ms. Banning replied in the negative.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Gibson, to "Amend" Proposal No. 178, 2006 per Exhibit A. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Councillor Speedy asked if there was one single event that caused the department to go over their budget. Ms. Banning said it was not one single event but multiple things played a part in making sure the corridor was well designed. Councillor Speedy asked if

the overage was due to professional fees or supplies. Ms. Banning said the landscape and signage were the major costs.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Nytes, to send Proposal No. 178, 2006 to the full Council with a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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Ms. Banning said there is roll over money from HOPWA totaling \$320,000 that they can put back on the streets this year, and \$198,000 is from a new grant the department has received from HUD for commercial development along the 10th Street corridor.

Councillor Nytes asked if something happened to the agency that they were unable to spend the roll over money. Ms. Banning said there are two sources for the \$518,820. One agency was unable to spend all their money, and the HUD grant is one the department continues to receive. Councillor Nytes asked which agencies will receive the funds. Ms. Banning responded that Bethlehem House and the Damien Center would be the recipients. She also added that more funds will be available for other agencies that have requested funds.

Councillor Nytes moved, seconded by Councillor Gibson, to send Proposal No. 179, 2006 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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Ms. Banning said the department is requesting appropriation of five different grants:

- \$45,462 is to complete the remediation at the former General Tire Store on Delaware Street.

- an incentive grant of \$30,000 to go towards phase one and two for environmental assessment in three areas
- \$8,000 grant from the state Department of Natural Resources to purchase plants for a contaminated site
- \$100,000 grant will be spent in two different sites: \$19,500 to the Spickelmier site and \$80,500 at the southwest corner of Martin Luther King Street
- \$11,855 is left over money from previous grants where work was already completed and the fund can be rolled into the 16th and Martin Luther King site.

Councillor Gibson asked for clarification on the environmental assessment. Ms. Banning said the assessment is the testing of an area to find out if there is contamination, and if so, what needs to be done to clean-up the area.

Councillor Speedy asked if those seeking money from the state are all city owned. Ms. Banning replied in the negative and said some are privately owned.

Councillor Talley asked how one would get the proper attention to receive assistance to clean up an area. Ms. Banning said the developer would need to provide specific plans for the site to the department and then a decision would be made to determine if it is appropriate to go to the state.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Nytes, to send Proposal No. 180, 2006 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Chair Mahern asked for consent to vote on the three reappointments to the Metropolitan Zoning Appeals Board. Consent was giving.

PROPOSAL NO. 171, 2006 - reappoints Frank Hagaman to the Metropolitan Zoning Appeals Board III

Councillor Nytes moved, seconded by Councillor Gibson, to send Proposal No. 171, 2006 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 172, 2006 - reappoints Kathryn D. Guthrie to the Metropolitan Zoning Appeals Board III

Councillor Gibson moved, seconded by Councillor Talley, to send Proposal No. 172, 2006 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 174, 2006 - reappoints Bruce Curry to the Metropolitan Zoning Appeals Board II

Councillor Gibson moved, seconded by Councillor Nytes, to send Proposal No. 174, 2006 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 176, 2006 -reappoints Michael Rinebold to the Indianapolis Housing Agency Board

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Nytes to “Postpone” Proposal No. 176, 2006 until May 1, 2006. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Presentation on NeighborWoods and Keep Indianapolis Beautiful

David Forsell, President of Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB), gave a presentation on the importance of trees in the neighborhoods (Exhibit B, on file in the Council office). Key points of the presentation are as follows:

- Studies have shown that crime rate is lowered where more trees are present
- Trees provide for cleaner air, water and increased property value
- Center Township has the lowest canopy cover and is in significant need of trees
- KIB goal is to work with neighborhoods to contribute to keeping families and businesses thriving.

Chair Mahern stated that this is a great program that will contribute a lot to the well being of these targeted areas. He said several of the targeted spots are located in his district and this project is very important to him.

Councillor Speedy and Nytes thanked Mr. Forsell for his hard work with KIB and gave praise to the Neighbor Woods program.

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Metropolitan Development Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dane Mahern, Chair
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